

Amendments to Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A device ~~for endoscopically deploying an hemostatic multi legged clip adapted to be used with~~ compress-tissue, comprising:

a ring portion adapted to fit on a distal end of an endoscope;

a plurality of legs attached to the ring portion, each of the legs being movable between an open position and a closed position to compress the tissue without a substantial change in configuration of the ring; and

a locking mechanism to restrict movement of each of the legs from the closed to the open position.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The device according to claim 1,~~ A device adapted to be used with tissue, comprising:

a plurality of legs attached to the ring portion, each of the legs being movable between an open position and a closed position to compress the tissue; and

a locking mechanism to restrict movement of each of the legs from the closed to the open position,

wherein the locking mechanism is a ratchet mechanism.

3. (Original) The device according to claim 2, wherein the ratchet mechanism comprises a plurality of snaps formed on one of the legs and the ring portion.

4. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the locking mechanism is adapted to be carried by an endoscope along with the ring portion and wherein the locking mechanism is in physical communication with the ring portion at least when the legs are in an open position.

5. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, further comprising a hinge connecting the ring portion to each of the legs.

6. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 5, wherein the hinge is a pin and slot hinge, the pin extending from one of the ring portion and each of the legs.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The device according to claim 1,~~ A device adapted to be used with tissue, comprising:

a plurality of legs attached to the ring portion, each of the legs being movable between an open position and a closed position to compress the tissue;

a locking mechanism to restrict movement of each of the legs from the closed to the open position; and

~~further comprising~~ a catch to mechanically retain the legs in the open position.

8. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 5, wherein the hinge is a four bar mechanism.

9. (Original) The device according to claim 1, further comprising resilient devices adapted to urge the legs in one of the open and closed positions.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The device according to claim 1,~~ A device adapted to be used with tissue, comprising:

a plurality of legs attached to the ring portion, each of the legs being movable between an open position and a closed position to compress the tissue;

a locking mechanism to restrict movement of each of the legs from the closed to the open position;

~~further comprising~~ an actuator mechanism to move each of the legs from the open to the closed position[.].

wherein the actuator mechanism comprises strings pulling each of the legs in the closed position.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 1[[0]], ~~wherein the further comprising an~~ actuator mechanism comprises ~~including~~ a rack and pinion arrangement.

13. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 1[[0]], ~~wherein the further comprising an~~ actuator mechanism comprises ~~including~~ a hydraulic piston exerting a force on each of the legs.

14. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 1[[0]], ~~wherein the further comprising an~~ actuator mechanism comprises including a remotely operated sheath moving each of the legs to the closed position.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The device according to claim 1,~~ A device adapted to be used with tissue, comprising:

a plurality of legs attached to the ring portion, each of the legs being movable between an open position and a closed position to compress the tissue;

a locking mechanism to restrict movement of each of the legs from the closed to the open position; and

further comprising a releasable attachment connecting the ~~multi-legged clip ring~~ to the endoscope.

16. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 15, wherein the releasable attachment comprises a thread forming a stitch between the ~~multi-legged clip ring~~ and the endoscope.

17. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 15, wherein the releasable attachment comprises a seal connecting the ~~multi-legged clip ring~~ to the endoscope, and a thread embedded in the seal, such that removal of the thread cuts the seal.

18. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 15, wherein the releasable attachment comprises a protrusion extending from one of the ~~multi-legged clip ring~~ and the endoscope and a complementary groove formed in the other of the ~~multi-legged clip ring~~ and the endoscope, wherein the protrusion and the groove are connected frictionally.

19. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 15, wherein the releasable attachment comprises a catch extending from one of the ~~multi-legged clip ring~~ and the endoscope, a complementary slot formed in the other of the ~~multi-legged clip ring~~ and the endoscope, and an actuator for releasing the catch from the groove to release the ~~multi-legged clip ring~~.

20. (New) The device according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of legs are releasably attached to the ring portion.